

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted concurrently with a TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 USC 371 which may be submitted on or before August 17, 2006.

By means of the amendment, a set of new claims 19 to 33 are being submitted to replace the currently pending claims 1-18 that were received by the European International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA/EP) on April 12, 2006 and that have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tsugihiko Suzuki', is written over the typed name.

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